Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1828.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At the Annual Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, on Tuesday, September 9th, A. L. 5828.

PRESENT:

M.E. DANIEL L. GIBBENS,	Grand High Priest.
E. BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSHUA GREENLEAF,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" SEBASTIAN STREETER,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ABRAHAM A. DAME,	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. SETH ALDEN,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Marshal.
" ROBERT KEITH, " JOHN P. BIGELOW,	Grand Stewards.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Past Officers.

E. HENRY FOWLE,	E. JOHN J. LORING,
" HENRY PURKETT,	" PAUL DEAN.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:— St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, Washington, Rising Sun, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Thomas, and Bethlehem.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee chosen at the last Communication to wait on Rev. Comp. Benjamin Huntoon, and request a copy of the Eulogium delivered before them at that meeting, for the press, reported, they had attended the duty assigned them, and that Comp. Huntoon declined complying with their request.

A communication from Bethlehem Royal Arch Chapter, praying for an extension of their letter of dispensation, was read, and on motion, committed to Comps. Brown, Robinson, and Morse, who reported that the same be extended for one year from the communication of the Grand Chapter in December next, which report was accepted.

A petition for charity was presented from Rev. Comp. James Sabine, and on motion, committed to E. Comps. Paul Dean, Henry Purkett, and Jonathan G. Johnson, who reported that the sum of fifty dollars be given him from the funds of this Grand Chapter, which report was unanimously accepted.

The following report was read and unanimously accepted.

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, having attended to the duty assigned them by the Constitution, respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, which they find very correctly kept and properly vouched.

The Grand Treasurer had in his hands at the settlement of accounts the last year, the sum of	$1070 80
He has since received from the Chapters under the jurisdiction, for fees, &c., ...	557 50

For interest on funds in his hands, . . .	60 00
From the Grand Secretary for diplomas, . .	4 00
	$1692 30
The Grand Treasurer has paid on account of the Grand Chapter, for sundry expenses, .	428 08
Leaving a balance in his hands of . . .	$1264 22

The Grand Treasurer's account accompanies and makes a part of this report.

The Committee are perfectly satisfied with the very neat and correct manner in which the official business of the departments under examination have been performed.

The Grand Treasurer, as usual, declines receiving any compensation for his valuable services, and is therefore entitled to the thanks of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee recommend that the sum of sixty dollars be paid to the Grand Secretary, for his services for the past year, being considered as a moderate compensation for the increasing duties of that department.

The Treasurer reports that returns have not been received from the following Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter for the year 1827, viz:

Rising Sun, ...	Nantucket.
King Solomon's, ...	Charlton.
Worcester, ...	Worcester.
King Hiram's, ...	Greenwich.
Franklin, ...	Greenfield.
King Cyrus, ...	Newburyport.
Sutton, ...	Sutton.

From the latter Chapter a sum of money has been received by the Grand Treasurer, but the return not being made, the amount

has not been passed to the credit of the Grand Chapter in his account.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. BRADFORD,
ELIAS HASKELL,
GILBERT NURSE,
} *Committee of Finance.*

Boston, Sept. 5, 1828.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Grand Chapter resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the election of officers for the year ensuing. Rev. Comp. Paul Dean in the chair.

On motion, *Voted*, That Comps. Abner Bourne, John Cook, Jr., and Jonathan G. Johnson, be a Committee to collect, assort, and declare the votes.

The votes being taken, the Committee reported that M.E. Comp. DAN'L L. GIBBENS was unanimously re-elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year. Comps. Greenleaf, Purkett, Raymond, Brown, and Dame, were appointed a Committee to inform him of his election, and request his acceptance, who reported that he accepted the office and was introduced in due form.

The following companions were unanimously re-elected to their respective offices, viz:

E. RICHARD S. SPOFFORD, . . .	Grand King.
" Rev. SAMUEL CLARKE, . . .	Grand Scribe.
E. ABRAHAM A. DAME, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE, ...	Grand Secretary.

The Committee of the whole then rose and reported the foregoing elections, which were approved by the Grand Chapter.

The following appointments were made by the M.E. Grand High Priest, viz:

E. & Rev. BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" " SEBASTIAN STREETER,	Grand Chaplains.
" " SAMUEL BARRETT,	
" " SETH ALDEN,	
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Marshal.
" ELIJAH ATHERTON,	Grand Lecturers.
" EDWARD A. RAYMOND,	
" JOHN R. BRADFORD,	Committee of Finance.
" ELIAS HASKELL,	
" GILBERT NURSE,	
" MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Committee on Charity.
" SAMUEL HOWE,	
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	
" ROBERT KEITH,	Grand Stewards.
" JOHN P. BIGELOW,	
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

The officers present were installed in ancient form.

On motion, *Voted*, That the sum of seventy-five dollars be appropriated for charitable purposes the ensuing year.

Parts of lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed in ancient form.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At the Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, Tuesday evening, December 9th, A. L. 5828.

PRESENT:

M.E. DANIEL L. GIBBENS,	Grand High Priest.
E. SAMUEL CLARKE,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ABRAHAM A. DAME,	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. SETH ALDEN,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Marshal.
" ROBERT KEITH, " JOHN P. BIGELOW,	Grand Stewards.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.
Rev. JONATHAN NYE,	General Grand Chaplain.

Past Officers.

E. JOHN ABBOT, E. ROBERT LASH.

The following Chapters were represented, viz: — St. Andrew's, Morning Star, St. Paul's, Adoniram, Mount Zion, and Thomas.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Comp. Abraham G. Tannat applied for admission as proxy for John B. Kirkham, High Priest of Morning Star Chapter in Springfield, whereupon Comps. Raymond, Bradford, and Nurse, were appointed a Committee to examine his pretensions, who reported that he was a Royal Arch Mason, but his proxy was not in due form.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Regulations of this Grand Chapter be so far dispensed with, as to admit Comp. Abraham G. Tannat to a seat in the Grand Chapter as proxy for M.E. John B. Kirkham, notwithstanding some informality in said commission.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed in ancient form.

A true copy of record.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this Commonwealth, at Mason's Hall, Tuesday evening, June 9th, A. L. 5829.

PRESENT:

M.E. DANIEL L. GIBBENS,	Grand High Priest.
E. BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" SAMUEL CLARKE,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ABRAHAM A. DAME,	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE,	Grand Secretary.
E. and Rev. SEBASTIAN STREETER,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Marshal.
" ROBERT KEITH, " JOHN P. BIGELOW,	Grand Stewards.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Member.—E. ROBERT LASH.

The following Chapters were represented, viz: — St. Andrew's, Washington, Adoniram, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Worcester, Mount Lebanon, and St. Luke's.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Voted, That Comps. Nathaniel Cransdell, proxy for William W. Crossman, High Priest of Adoniram Chapter, and J. W. Green, Scribe of St. Luke's Chapter, be excused from wearing their appropriate jewels.

A communication was received from St. Luke's Chapter, requesting to surrender their Charter, and with it, the records and jewels of said Chapter, to be deposited with the Grand Treasurer. In making this request, they wish it to be understood distinctly, that it is not from the least indisposition to the cause, to which they have been pledged; for few have given, or do now give greater proof of devotion and fidelity to it, but they are compelled by their absolute inability to sustain the expenses of it.

On motion, *Voted*, That Comps. Benj. Huntoon, Robert Lash, and Edward A. Raymond, be appointed a Committee to consider and report thereon, who made the following report, which was unanimously accepted.

M.E. High Priest:

The Committee appointed to consider the petition of St. Luke's Chapter, having attended the duty assigned them, beg leave to make the following report: That they have examined the records and by-laws of said Chapter, and that the vote to return their Charter to this M.E. Grand Chapter, was the legal act of the members of said Chapter, and passed unanimously. That this act seems to have been the result of due consideration, attended with an agreeable harmony and the spirit of friendship and brotherly love. They therefore recommend that, under exisiting circumstances, this Grand Chapter grant the request of the petitioners, at the same time expressing their deep regret, that a Chapter for which they entertain so much esteem and respect, should find it expedient to adopt a measure so painful to the feelings of the parent Grand Chapter.

Benjamin Huntoon,
Robert Lash,
Edw'd A. Raymond,
} *Committee.*

June 9, 1829.

On motion, *Voted*, That a Committee be chosen to take into consideration the expediency of altering the 12th article of the Constitution. The Committee of Finance were appointed that Committee.

In consequence of the meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States to be held in the city of New York in September next, and in order that this Grand Chapter may be fully represented at said meeting, it was *Voted*, That the annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, which will be held on the 8th of September next, be then adjourned to meet in this place on Tuesday, the 29th day of said month, for the choice of officers and such other business as may regularly come before it, that due notice may be given thereof.

On motion, *Voted*, That this Grand Chapter appropriate a sum not exceeding $200 to defray the expenses of its delegates to the meeting of the General Grand Chapter to be held in the city of New York in September next, and that the drafts of said delegates for fifty dollars each, be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

On motion, *Voted*, That Comps. Raymond, Nurse, Howe, Keith, and Bigelow, be a Committee to provide a dinner at

the annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, by subscription from those who may wish to partake thereof.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter was closed in ancient form.

A true record.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

Massachusetts Convention
OF
HIGH PRIESTS.

Present Officers.

M.E. and Rev. PAUL DEAN, . . President.
" DANIEL L. GIBBENS, . . Vice President.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, . . Treasurer.
" ROBERT LASH, . . . Secretary.
" and Rev. SEBASTIAN STREETER, Chaplain.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD, . . Master of Ceremonies.
" THOMAS TOLMAN, . . Conductor.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON, . . Herald.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

ST. ANDREW'S, Boston,	Charter dated A. L.	5769
KING CYRUS, Newburyport,	do.	5790
ST. JOHN'S, Groton,	do.	5803
KING SOLOMON'S, Charlton,	do.	5805
WASHINGTON, Salem,	do.	5811
KING HIRAM'S, Greenwich,	do.	5815
ADONIRAM, Taunton,	do.	5816
MORNING STAR, Springfield,	do.	5817
FRANKLIN, Greenfield,	do.	5817
RISING SUN, Nantucket,	do.	5818
ST. PAUL'S, Boston,	do.	5818
MOUNT ZION, Stoughton,	do.	5820
THOMAS, Princeton,	do.	5821
WORCESTER, Worcester,	do.	5823
MOUNT LEBANON, Medway,	do.	5824
BROOKFIELD, Brookfield,	do.	5825
NORTHAMPTON, Northampton,	do.	5825
CONCORD, Concord,	do.	5826
MOUNT HOREB, Lowell,	do.	5826
BETHLEHEM, New Bedford,	do.	5826
SUTTON, Sutton,	do.	5826

The Stated Communications are held in Boston, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in June, September and December. The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests hold their meetings in Boston, on the same days.

Communications to the Grand Chapter may be directed to SAMUEL HOWE, Grand Secretary, Boston.